Detroit April 20. 1840

My very dear Brother

Your letters of Dec 25th & Jan 8th were received — the former on the 5th & the latter on the 11th of the present month. I believe however they arrived at New Haven together & brother Charles detained, for some especial purpose for a few days, the one containing a part addressed to himself — They were so long on the way that I had some fears that they would utterly fail — & to see them for the more rejoiced at their arrival — Mine too, seem not to have reached you with their accustomed regularity — though, as you may have found before this I have in fact neglected to be as punctual as heretofore — yet I believe I have not omitted any month but have somewhat extended the intervals between — My last date was about the 25th March & directed to the American Legation — by this you may have received in better time — at least I will hope so, though I do not think it contained any thing of importance — It would serve however to remind you of friends at home & show you, that you ~~that you~~ were also remembered — The latest intelligence I have from New Haven, is of March 31. & Charles seems to have entered into political life with all his heart & mind — & to devote himself unsparingly to the furtherance of the Whig cause — He wrote two weeks before the Election — mentioned having been on an electioneering tour — & that he was going again to the western part of the County — He remarks that "his mind had for some time been so occupied by politics that he had scarce thought of any thing else" — He predicted a majority of 5000 — & it proves to be, 4500 — The Whig party are gaining ground — & the election of Harrison to the Presidency is not considered a very doubtful — There is a great deal of enthusiasm prevailing on the subject & every paper is filled with his deeds of arms — & with the doings of the people at the present time — Tippecanoe Clubs & Tippecanoe songs abound — & some of the latter are very spirited — Harrison was called by the opposition the "Log Cabin candidate" — his friends have now taken the appellation & are making much of it — Log cabins are rising in many places — used for committee rooms &c — There was one erected in this city last week 40 by 50 feet — It is situated in the heart of the city — & of course quite a novel & attractive object — "Hard cider" is the beverage used there, according to the Loco Focos — the drink of the old General — I have not heard from N.H. friends but to return — The house that brother C — had taken was in readiness for them & they were only waiting for pleasant weather to remove — Cornelia's health was such that they had decided to take her from school this summer — but the boy Billy was very well & improving

weeks he walked on the pavement — He is a fine little fellow — very determined & persevering — He promises now to be all that his fond parents can wish — Three finer children cannot easily be found — Theodore devotes himself to the labours of his profession very assiduously — He is very nearly entirely in Chancery suits — & his time is wholly occupied — He certainly has the power to make himself eminent if he will but persevere in his present course — There are no inducements for speculation now — every body is in debt — & Michigan is as depressed as possible — If one can survive such times as the present they may reasonably hope to succeed afterwards — Theodore has a fine house & there — which it would be impossible to dispose of & therefore he is tied to Detroit — By the way this is a delightful house & the only objection is that the lot on which it stands is quite too small — However T — makes the most of the ground there is — It is covered with a fine turf — many flowering shrubs are planted & growing finely — & he has this spring obtained from Cleveland about a dozen fine plum trees of different varieties — He has a good deal of taste for such things & thinks he should like to live on a farm — He has planted also several kinds of grapes, — & raspberries —

It is now three two months since your last date — Feb 12 — & I suppose it is but reasonable to hope for another letter soon

With love from sister Theresa ~~Mary~~ & Eddy

Your affectionate sister

Elizabeth

Anna ~~sends~~ love to all —

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George has decided upon going to Northampton & expects to remove in May — All his arrangements were made without any consultation with C — Is it not strange? — C— seems to approve of the plan so that I am disposed to think favourably of it yet I should never have supposed that there would be inducements enough in the way of business to have led him there — I am glad however that as he leaves New Haven, he goes to a place so famed for its charming location & its many attractions — I may now hope to see something of the valley of the Conn —

We have been for some time anxiously waiting for the opening of the navigation of Lake Erie — Several boats have been as far as Erie & Dunkirk — & we have heard of later ones to within twelve miles of Buffalo — probably they have reached the latter place before this — We expect sister Sophia to come as soon she can — & we think she will arrive this week — She is very impatient to return — Helen was to move last week — to a larger & better house than that they have occupied — where they can better accommodate the Tracy family — Helen is anticipating a great amount of happiness in visiting Detroit as soon as she gets arranged for summer — Anna proposes that I should remain here until after this visit — but I am inclined to think that I shall leave next month — at any rate there is little doubt that I shall get east before your arrival — We live here in a very quiet way — except that the children are very noisy — They overflow with health & spirits — & would enjoy the freedom of the country in the highest degree — Sophia will walk three miles without the least fatigue. James is another like her — though being a boy he will probably go before her He began to walk on his birth day & before the end of three

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